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1. JUST BEFORE DINNER JUNE 23 AT MY HOME IN HONOR OF GOVERNOR DONALD LUDDINGTON OF SOLOMON ISLANDS, NICK PARKINSON, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DFA, TURNED TO HIM AND ASKED WHETHER HE COULD PREVAIL ON MAMALONI OR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS TO MAKE SOME PUBLIC STATEMENT DISAVOWING ANY SOLOMON ISLANDS INTEREST IN BOUGAINVILLE JOINING THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND OTHERWISE USING THEIR INFLUENCE TO SEE THAT BOUGAINVILLE REMAINS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

2. LUDDINGTON DISMISSED THE WHOLE IDEA AS IMPRACTICAL. SOLOMON ISLANDERS WOULD NEVER RESPOND TO AN APPROACH FROM THE BRITISH OR AUSTRALIANS ON THIS SUBJECT. TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS, THE SUGGESTION WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM SOMARE. EVEN THEN, LUDDINGTON SAID HE WAS RATHER SKEPTICAL THE SOLOMON ISLANDERS WOULD WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER. HE ALSO DOUBTED
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THAT BOUGAINVILLE WOULD WANT TO JOIN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS,

SINCE BOUGAINVILLE SEPARATISTS WERE LARGELY MOTIVATED BY A
DESIRE NOT TO SHARE THEIR COPPER WEALTH WITH ANY OUTSIDERS.

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